# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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INTENSIVE COTTON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) a Centrally sponsored scheme is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the production of cotton recorded in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government are aware that a large number of cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh Committed suicide as their produce failed to fetch the desired price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to ensure remunerative price to the cotton growers?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini Mission − II of Technology Mission on Cotton is being implemented in the 13 cotton growing states including Andhra Pradesh. The production of cotton recorded in the state during the last 3 years is as under:

| Year | Production (000 bales of 170 kg each) |
|---|---|
| 1998-99 | 1522.0 |
| 1999-2000 | 1595.0 |
| 2000-2001 | 1663.0 |

(c) & (d): No such reports have been received. However, to safeguard the interests of the cotton growers, the Government announces Minimum Support Price for cotton each year and guarantees its procurement, if the price falls below the Minimum Support Price, through the Cotton Corporation of India in all States except Maharashtra. In Maharashtra, the State Government itself procures cotton under its Monopoly Procurement Scheme. During the current year, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has procured 353587 bales of cotton in the state of Andhra Pradesh.